



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| PROJECT TITLE | Magalia Reservoir Shaded Fuel Break Phase 2 | | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | Sections 25, and 36 T23N, R3E; Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian | COUNTY | Butte |
| LEAD AGENCY | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) | | |
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the hand clearing of brush, small trees (trees less than 6" in diameter) and dead woody debris (snags less than 11" in diameter) within two designated areas totaling 16 acres to reduce the fire hazard and create shaded fuel breaks. Fuels will be hand piled for burning later in the season when moisture levels are sufficiently high enough to allow for safe disposal and minimal risk for escape. The remaining stand will consist of a well-stocked stand of larger trees of sierra mixed conifer species dominated by ponderosa pine.

Rare Plant survey was conducted on the project area September- October 2013, Natural Diversity Data Base inquiry was made September 2013, no sensitive species were identified within the project area or immediate vicinity of the project area.


EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ **Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
Class 7 §15307 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources
Class 8 §15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption (state code section):**
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the definitions of the above-listed three Categorical Exemptions authorized in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review and office research conducted by Randolph Vasquez has confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. CAL FIRE has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at, 1600 Feather River Blvd Suite B, Oroville, California, CA 95965, Attn. Randolph Vasquez.

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